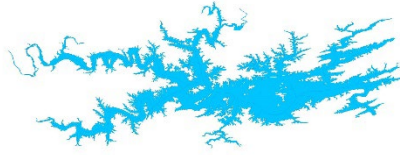


# Friends of Lake Ouachita



1424 Blakely Dam Road  
Royal, AR 71968

**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:** Friends of Lake Ouachita Committee Minutes

**DATE:** January 8, 2024

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:**

Derick Walker, Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, Lake Ouachita Field Office  
Stacy Sigman, Natural Resource Manager, Lake Ouachita Field Office

**Members Present:**

George Dooly	Al Gathright	Dan Watson
Jerry Williams	Ron Mayfield	Jo West Taylor
Jerry Shields	Bill Pell	Tom Butler
Robert Cavanaugh	Shane Scott	Rob Sanders

**Approval of November 2023 Meeting Minutes:** No mention of November 2023 minutes.

**Tompkins Bend ADA Watchable Wildlife Trail Walkway Discussion:**

Jerry S. informed the group that the grant was received. He estimates 259K for materials. Tom B. said original estimates ranged from 214K to 238K. Jerry S. asked Owen Corning's if our design was good and they thought we are over doing it on the 2-inch x 10-foot boards. Bill P. asked if Jerry figured in these changes costs and Jerry S. replied, yes. Tom B. asked if we should redo and re-submit material changes into new quote. He also asked if we should send whole bid package out this summer. He stated the contractors quoted a 14-week time span for completion once they begin. Jerry S. asked what labor bid was. Tom B. stated 455K was the lowest bid which included them purchasing materials. Stacy S. said USACE could possibly purchase hardware if cost was around 30K and if FOLO needed more in-kind services. George D. stated that if contractor is buying materials, they wouldn't be able to wiggle on warranty or if defective or missing parts appear. Jerry S. threw discussion question to group if we needed to re-structure

drawing and size of bolts. The group was discussing the overall structure design of curves and fishing pier. Robert C. stated that 75ft of walkway and fishing pier was on original proposal, so he didn't think we needed to change from that design. Tom B. and team will work with contractors on new bids. He asked what date we want to re-bid it out. George D. asked if this would be a signed contract. Tom B. stated yes. Robert C. mentioned that AR DOT gets 5% off awarded amount of grants. This grant is a spend money to get money grant. Tom B. wanted to be sure to make clear to contractors that they won't get draws out immediately after submitting them. Jerry S. stated that the corridor was cleared, and bridge stairs were removed. Robert C. read the email from AR DOT on receiving grant money and when we can start marking work as in-kind. Stacy S. stated that the federal government volunteer rate for work of in-kind is \$31.80. Tom B. stated that Camden contractor provided a detail breakdown on Eco-Pile.

Jerry S. shared the next FOLO meeting will be held February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.